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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of **Linlin Chen** of Plano, Texas, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTROLYTICALLY DEPOSITING COPPER ON A SEMICONDUCTOR WORKPIECE.

X 1. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/387,033 filed August 31, 1999, which is a continuation of International Application Serial No. PCT/US99/06306 designating the United States filed March 22, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/045,245 filed March 20, 1998 and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/085,675 filed May 15, 1998, priority from the filing dates of which are hereby claimed under 35 USC Sections 120 and 119(e), and the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated in their entirety.

X 2. An application consisting of 41 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 10 sheets of drawings is attached.

X 3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]

X ii. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

X 4. The prior application was assigned to Semitool, Inc., by an Assignment recorded at Reel 010426/Frame 0654.

X 5. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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6. A Revocation and Power of Attorney by Assignee is enclosed.

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Independent Claims	4 - 3	= 1	x 80	= 80
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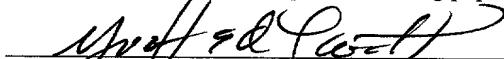
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